

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 18

August 10, 2004

SUBJECT: ACTIVATION OF MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION; CHANGE IN INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF ARSON HOMICIDES FROM MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION TO ROBBERY-HOMICIDE DIVISION

PURPOSE: On December 2, 2003, the Los Angeles Police Department was reorganized to better facilitate the Department's approach in addressing strategic operations and gang crime. This Order codifies organizational changes which have been made for improved preparedness, prevention, investigation and response to major crimes, including acts of terrorism. This Order deactivates Anti-Terrorist Division and activates Major Crimes Division. Additionally, the investigative responsibility for arson homicides has been transferred from Criminal Conspiracy Section, Major Crimes Division, to Robbery-Homicide Division.

PROCEDURE:

- I. ANTI-TERRORIST DIVISION - DEACTIVATED.** Anti-Terrorist Division is deactivated.
- II. MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION - ACTIVATED.** Major Crimes Division (MCD) is activated within the Critical Incident Management Bureau and shall consist of the following:
 - * Office of the Commanding Officer;
 - * Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section;
 - * Analysis Section;
 - * Surveillance Support Section;
 - * Criminal Conspiracy Section; and,
 - * Criminal Investigations Section.
- III. MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION - COMMANDING OFFICER.** The Commanding Officer, Major Crimes Division, under the direction of the Commanding Officer, Critical Incident Management Bureau, exercises line command over the operations of MCD.
- IV. MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION - FUNCTIONS.** Major Crimes Division shall be responsible for:
 - * The collection and analysis of information on individuals and groups who may be planning, threatening, financing, aiding/abetting, attempting or

performing unlawful acts, the results of which are intended to further their societal objectives, to influence societal action, or to harass on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sexual orientation;

Note: Threat Management Unit, Detective Support Division (DSD), is responsible for the investigation of threatening letters directed toward the Mayor, public officials and city entities. The Area Detective Division is responsible for the investigation of other threatening letter incidents. A copy of these types of correspondence shall be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, DSD.

- * Investigating all bombings, attempt bombings and bomb threats, facsimile devices, explosive devices, nuclear, chemical or biological material when used in the commission of a crime, or as it relates to terrorism;
- * Assisting Areas/divisions with major crime investigations, when appropriate;

Note: The Commanding Officer, Critical Incident Management Bureau, shall coordinate and liaise with the Commanding Officer, Detective Bureau, on existing investigations. The Director, Office of Operations, shall attempt to resolve any disagreement over investigative responsibility between Critical Incident Management Bureau and Detective Bureau. The final reviewing authority shall remain with the Chief of Police.

- * The intra-departmental dissemination of information necessary for field operations;
- * Investigating and/or assisting Los Angeles Fire Department Arson Unit for arson related crimes at houses of worship (e.g., suspicious fire at a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, etc.);

Exception: Arson homicides shall be investigated by Robbery-Homicide Division.

- * Maintaining liaison with other members of the Department, other law enforcement and governmental

- agencies, and business and residential communities in the region for matters related to terrorism; and,
- * Coordinating, procuring, retaining and maintaining a file of undercover driver licenses of MCD personnel.

A. ANTI-TERRORISM INTELLIGENCE SECTION. Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section is responsible for investigations of individuals and groups who may plan, threaten, finance, aid/abet, attempt or perform unlawful acts, the results of which are intended to further their societal objectives, to influence societal action, or to harass on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

B. ANALYSIS SECTION. The Analysis Section is responsible for:

- * Analyzing intelligence and criminal information;
- * Determining patterns of criminal activity and threat assessment; and,
- * Disseminating reports and documents for the purpose of providing assessment, warning, recommendation and information, in the development of strategy for crime prevention as it relates to terrorism or other major crimes assigned to MCD.

C. SURVEILLANCE SUPPORT SECTION. The Surveillance Support Section is responsible for:

- * Providing support to investigations through surveillance operations; and,
- * Gathering intelligence and criminal information through surveillance activity.

D. CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY SECTION. Criminal Conspiracy Section (CCS) is responsible for:

- * Investigating all bombings, attempted bombings and bomb threats, where an actual device or facsimile device is used, and/or as it is related to terrorism;

Note: Criminal Conspiracy Section will investigate all crimes related to the threat of a bomb.

- * Investigating all crimes in which an explosive device, chemical, nuclear, radiological or biological materials are used or threatened to be used in the commission of a crime, including homicides by bombing;
- * Investigating selected hate crimes and hate incidents involving explosives, terrorism and arson;

Note: The Assistant Commanding Officer, Detective Bureau, is the Department Hate Crime Coordinator and has the responsibility for collecting, maintaining, analyzing and disseminating information on all incidents motivated by hatred or prejudice. Criminal Conspiracy Section will continue to provide assistance on selected hate crimes and incidents after approval involving the Commanding Officer, Critical Incident Management Bureau, the appropriate bureau chief and the Commanding Officer, Detective Bureau. However, Area detective divisions would continue to be responsible for the investigation of routine hate crimes unrelated to terrorism.

- * Investigating crimes of extortion or threats of extortion when the extortion elements involve real or implied references to explosives, explosives/destructive devices or any type of nuclear, radiological, chemical or biological material;
- * Participating in the interagency "House of Worship Taskforce"; and,
- * Providing assistance to Area detective divisions on investigations when the scope of the investigations exceeds the resources of the Area detective divisions and/or if terrorist related.

E. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION. Criminal Investigations Section shall be responsible for:

- * Investigating and arresting individuals involved in criminal activity that may support a criminal network, or that may have a national or international criminal infrastructure;

- * Assisting entities in the investigations of all kidnappings, extortion and serious felonious crimes when approved; and,
- * Providing tactical surveillance for serious felonious crimes when approved.

Note: Any major crime not specifically under the investigative responsibility of MCD shall only be investigated by MCD personnel after approval involving the Commanding Officer, Critical Incident Management Bureau, the appropriate bureau chief and the Commanding Officer, Detective Bureau. Requests may be communicated verbally or in writing.

V. MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION - SPECIAL LIAISON. Major Crimes Division shall maintain liaison with:

- * United States Secret Service for the purpose of providing investigative and intelligence liaison regarding persons who pose a potential threat to the safety of the President of the United States or other persons under the protection of the Secret Service;
- * United States Department of State for the purpose of providing investigative and intelligence liaison regarding persons who pose a threat to the safety of visiting dignitaries;
- * United States Department of Homeland Security;
- * Foreign Consulates;
- * The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and,
- * The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

VI. RADIO DESIGNATION. The radio designation for Major Crimes Division shall be "6K."

VII. CORRESPONDENCE REFERENCE NUMBER AND ACRONYM.

The correspondence reference number and acronym for Major Crimes Division are assigned as follows:

15.1	Major Crimes Division	MCD
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VIII. ARSON HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS. During the realignment of Department operations, the investigative responsibility for arson homicides was transferred from Criminal Conspiracy Section, Major Crimes Division to Robbery-Homicide Division. Area detective division personnel

shall notify Robbery-Homicide Division when investigating arson-related homicides.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Sections 2/216, 2/216.05, 2/216.10 and 2/571.50, and adds Sections 2/215.01, 2/216.15, 2/216.20, 2/216.25, 2/216.30, 2/216.35, 2/216.40 and 2/216.45 to the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Critical Incident Management Bureau, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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